

Felixstowe Men's Shed

October 2021 Newsletter/Chairman's Report

I have just read our Spring newsletter and am amazed at just how much has changed in the past twelve months and especially since the last Newsletter.

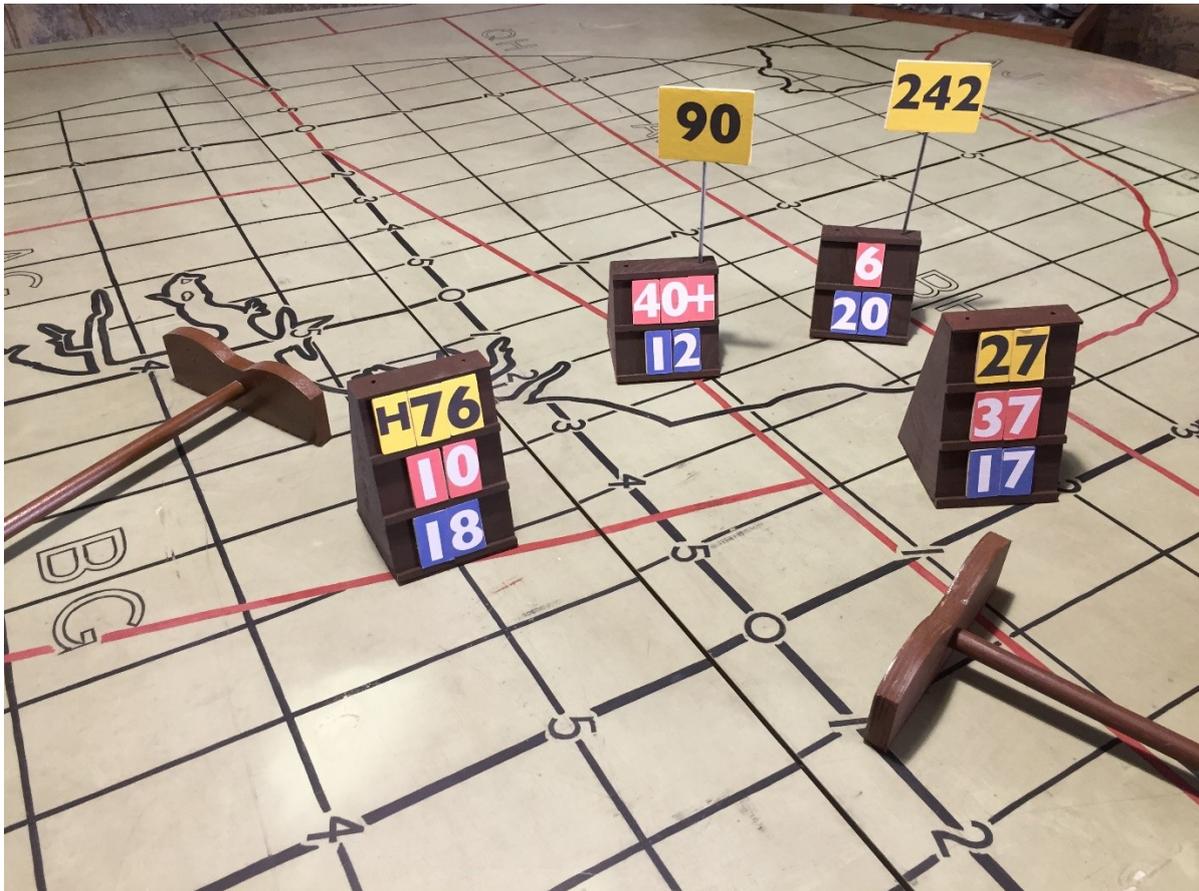
Today we find ourselves in a spacious barn that is undergoing a transformation with the internal building of a meeting room measuring 16 feet square, Ample room for a kitchenette area, office requirements and table and chairs.

The change from planned containers to the barn has come courtesy of Robin Hill at Bidwell's who has allowed use of a vacant barn at Great Street Farm, High Road, Trimley St. Mary. Opposite the barn a plot of land has been made available to develop a wellness garden and land clearance is underway. All augurs well for Shed and projects continue to be carried out while all this internal work is underway. Grants have been forthcoming to allow the barn to be fitted to a good but basic layout. As I write we are waiting for mains electrics to be connected.



Shed Meeting Room taking shape: Rainbow Project being completed
Nothing is possible without the hard work behind the scenes by members of the committee who have given time and effort to permit the progress you now find with FMS. I must pay special thanks to our Secretary Clive Dennett-Thorpe: he has kept on top of all aspects of

Shed developments and maintained good order and transportation of assets and equipment from the Museum to our new home. In addition, Clive has continued to undertake projects, especially in respect of the Fort Plotting Room with completion of the markers and rakes that have transformed the room and enabled visiting schools to undertake active participation in plotting exercises.



The future of FMS is assured with a number of projects in the pipeline and membership that increases weekly together with internal works moving rapidly given our open hours.

Finally, my thanks to members for continued support and enthusiasm that make our Shed possible: No, more than that a very
BIG THANK YOU.

I hope the forthcoming AGM will be completed on site and in good time to permit a simple well-deserved BBQ for members to enjoy and shoot the breeze.

Tony Allen Chairman Felixstowe Men's Shed